

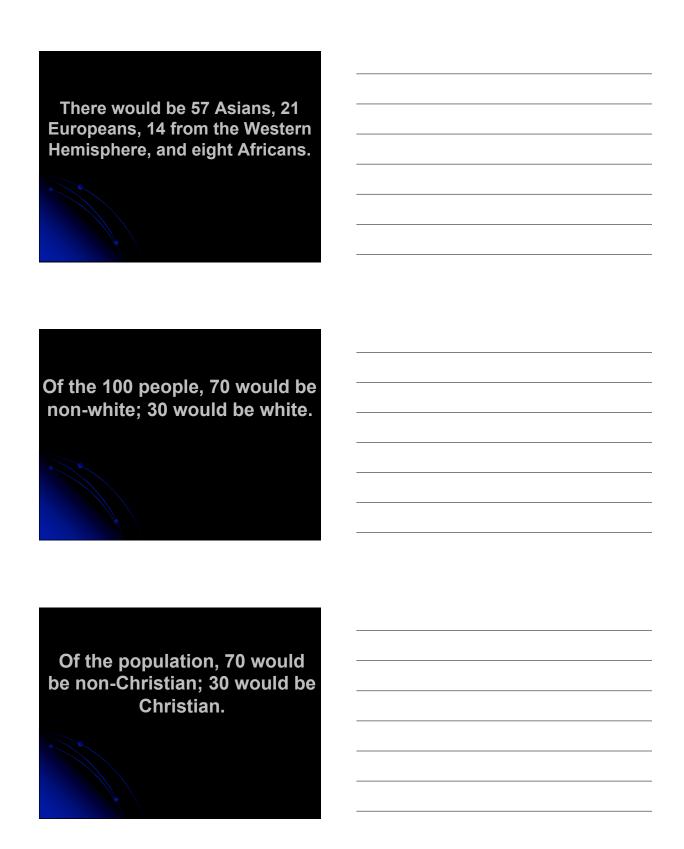
Did you know...

as well as societal success of all of our children.

High performing schools and school districts <i>know</i> that good teachers matter more than anything else in promoting student growth and achievement	
Why?	
The difference between a good (effective) teacher and a bad teacher can be a full level of achievement in a single school year for a child.  Eric A. Hanushek. "The Trade-Off Between Child Quantity and Quality." Journal of Political Economy, 1992.	

"having a high quality teacher throughout elementary school can substantially offset or even eliminate the disadvantage of low socioeconomic background."  Steven G. Rivkin, Eric A. Hanushek, and John F. Kain, Teachers, Schools and Academic Achievement, University of Texas-Dallas Schools Project, 2002.	
Did you know	
That the state, the nation, and the world are far different than they were when you were in school.	

What does this mean for our students and our education system?	
Consider for a moment	
If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this	



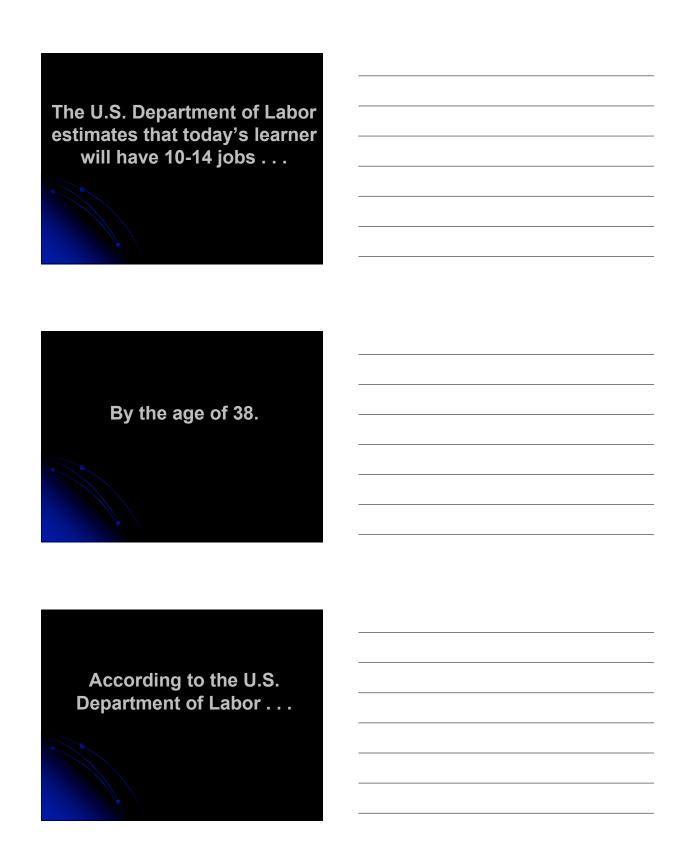
Fifty percent of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of six people. All six would be U.S. citizens.	
Of the 100 people, 70 would be unable to read.	
Fifty people would suffer from malnutrition.	

Only one person of the entire population would have a college education.  Motorola Leadership and Renewal Forum for Superintendents, 2005	
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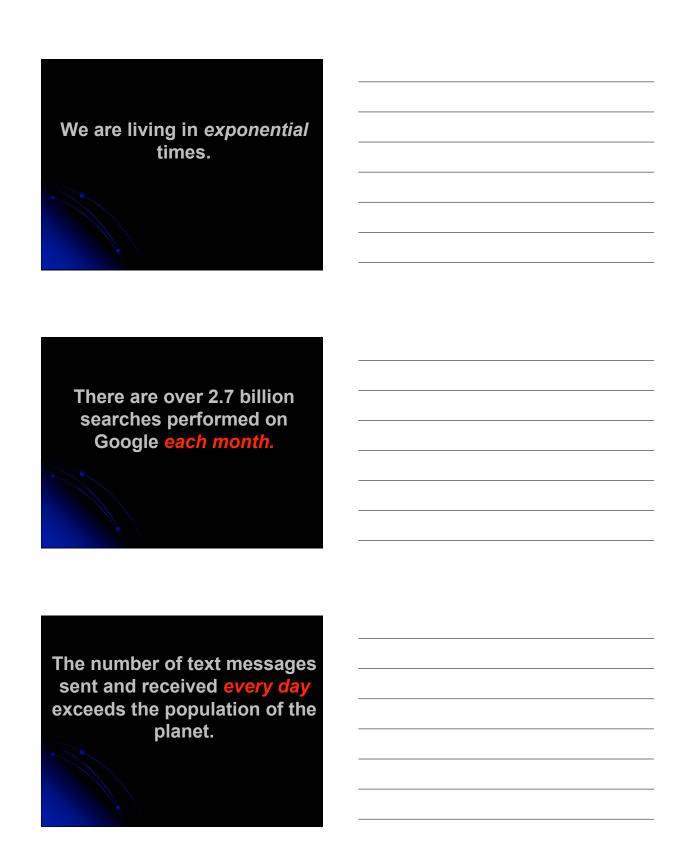
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Did you know	
A swiftly rising number of American workers at every skill level are in direct competition with workers in every corner of the globe	



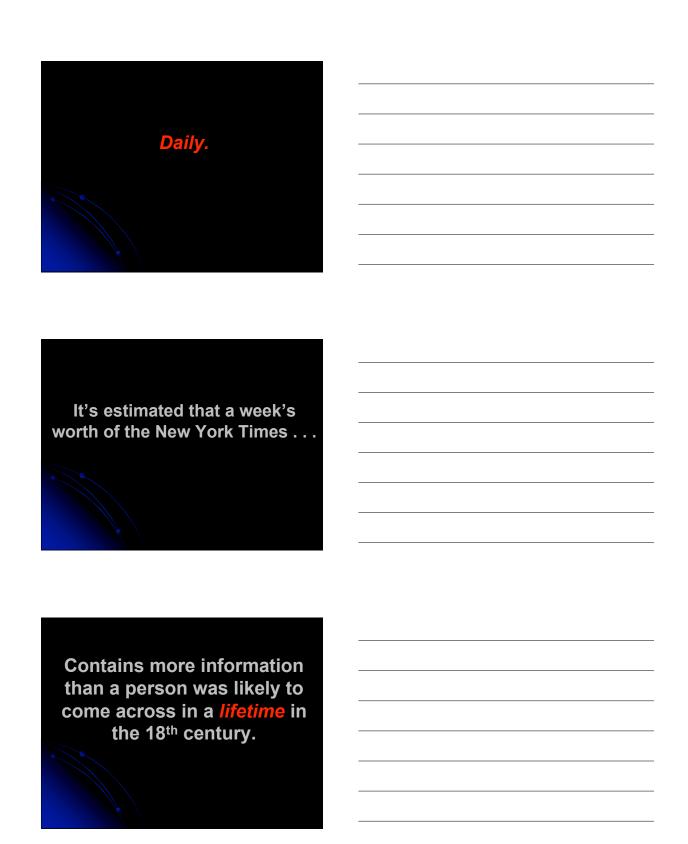
1 out of 4 workers today is working for a company they have been employed by for less than one year.	
More than 1 out of 2 are working for a company they have worked for, for less than five years.	
According to former Secretary of Education Richard Riley	











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It's estimated that 1.5 exabytes (that's 1.5 x 10 <sup>18</sup> ) of unique new information will be generated worldwide this year.	
That's estimated to be more than in the previous 5,000 years.	

The amount of new technical information is doubling every 2 years.	
That means for a student starting a four-year technical or college degree	
Half of what they learn in their first year of study will be outdated by their third year of study.	

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"the son of a shepherd who possesses knowledge is of greater worth to a nation than the heir to the throne, if he be ignorant. Knowledge is your true patent of nobility, no matter who your father or what your race may be."	
"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another"	

"Children are living messages we send to a time we will not see"	
High Performing Schools and Districts Do Not Leave Anything About Teaching and Learning to Chance Teaching is not a Mystical Event – it is Based on Effective Professional Practice Standards.	
There is no substitute for a quality, vibrant, adaptable education system	

There is no substitute for quality educators ... who understand that knowledge is an awareness of ideas and facts and that wisdom is an awareness of how to use those ideas and facts to benefit mankind.

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The effective instructional practice of Montana educators, now more than ever, is key to the academic as well as societal success of all of our children.



